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* The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"Mr. President, Sir, I should like to congratulate the hon. Mover of this Bill (laughter) on having introduced a Bill which came from the Select Committee without a single minute of dissent; I beleive, it is going to be passed unanimously by this House. When legislation has been passed by this House it is natural that the Government should hesitate to amend it unless they are fully satisfied that it is necessary or that it is the view of the general public of this Presidency that the amendment should be carried out. The Act which is to be amended by this Bill not only affects the administration, but also the social custom as regards the manner in which these hereditary offices should pass from father to son or from one holder of the office to another. In this respect therefore this legislation partakes of the nature of social legislation and in a matter of this kind the Government are particularly careful not to interfere unless they are satisfied that there is the general desire that we should interfere. As the result of the introduction of this Bill by the hon. Mover we have ascertained that there is unanimity of opinion in this House that this change should be made and I am grateful, Sir, to my hon. Friend Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar for bringing forward this Bill and enabling Government to carry out an amendment in the law which is so universally desired. I congratulate my hon. Friend." (Applause.)

* Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"Mr. President, Sir, on this motion of my hon. Friend Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar I wish to say, in addition to what has been said by the hon. the Revenue Member, that this Bill is not only a very welcome one but that it has been long overdue. During the last few years certain individuals whose right it was to inherit these offices have been denied the inheritance of them simply because an amendment of the kind now made, was not brought forward. It was more or less the duty of the Government to have thought over the matter and introduced an amending Bill like this. It is a pity they did not. Now, though late, it has come and it is quite welcome."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The question is that the Bill to amend the Madras Proprietary Estates' Village Service Act, 1894, and the Madras Hereditary Village Offices Act, 1895 (Bill No. 4 of 1930), be passed into law."

The motion was adopted and the Bill was passed into law.

The House then adjourned to meet again at 11 o'clock the next day.

VI

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE OF THE HOUSE.

1. * G.O. No. 1856,[a] Development, dated 30th October 1929, issuing orders on the recommendations of the Committee appointed to suggest a scheme of reorganization of the School of Arts and Crafts, Madras.

2. * G.O. No. 2158,[b] Development, dated 3rd December 1929, recording the Audit Report and Accounts of the Government Fisheries Cannery, Chaliyam, for the year ending 31st March 1929.

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* Circulated to members by post. [a] Printed as Appendix XV at pages 160–171 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix XVI at pages 171—179 infra.

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3. * Proceedings of the fifth to ninth meetings of the Finance Committee [a] for 1929–30.

4. G.O. No. 7,[b] Development, dated 3rd January 1930, recording the Audit Report and Accounts of the Russellkonda Saw Mills for the nine months ending 31st March 1929.

5. G.O. No. 111, Revenue,[c] dated 23rd January 1930, laying on the table of the Council the papers relating to the settlement, according to the Madras ryotwari system, of the 42 villages of Polavaram division, East Godavari district, in which Mr. Cammiade carried out an experimental settlement in 1911.

6. List [d] of posts on Rs. 500 per mensem and above created during the quarter ending December 1929.

R. V. KRISHNA AYYAR,
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[a] Printed and circulated separately.) [b] Printed as Appendix XVII at pages 180- infra.
[c] Printed as Appendix XVIII at pages 197–224 infra.
[d] Printed as Appendix XIX at pages 225–2?8 infra.